

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated October 9, 2007. Claims 1, 3, 4, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15 to 46, 63, 65, and 67 to 70 are in the application, of which Claims 1, 9, and 12 are independent. Claims 1, 9, 12, and 25 have been amended herein. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that Claims 1, 3, 17 to 22, 63, and 68 are allowed. The claims have not been amended, and thus are believed to remain in condition for allowance.

It is believed that Claim 4 was inadvertently included in the list of allowed claims, since this claim was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as set forth below. In addition, it is believed that Claims 35 to 38 were inadvertently included in the list of allowed claims, since these claims depend from rejected Claim 4.

Claim 25 was objected to for an alleged informality. Claims 4, 9, and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 23 to 34, 39 to 46, 65, 67, 69, and 70 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. The objection and rejections are respectfully traversed.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative during the telephone interview conducted on September 20, 2007. During the interview, the Examiner tentatively agreed that the foregoing amendments to Claims 1, 9, 12, and 25 would overcome the objection and § 112 and § 101 rejections. See Interview Summary dated October 9, 2007. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection and rejections is respectfully requested.

Applicants have not yet received an indication that the document cited in the Information Disclosure Statement dated March 13, 2007 has been considered and made of record. The Examiner is respectfully requested to indicate such consideration by returning an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 which accompanied the Information Disclosure Statement.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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